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- 1. In accordance with their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and in conformance with the procedures of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and M.P.E.P. §609, applicants hereby bring the following references to the attention of the Examiner. These references are listed on the attached modified PTO Form SB/08a. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement and the enclosed PTO Form SB/08a, shall not be construed as an admission that the information cited is prior art, or is considered to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).
- 2. Applicants note that the documents cited in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement comprise an Office Action issued November 30, 2007 in counterpart Chinese Application No. 2004800367975, Japanese Patent Application No. JP08-170222 A cited in the Office Action, including an English translation of the abstract, and the U.S. counterpart of this Japanese patent application. Copies of these references are attached hereto.

- 3. Applicants believe that the Chinese Office Action is relevant to the present application as this Office Action relies on Japanese Patent Application Nos. JP11-228820 A (previously cited in the IDS filed July 26, 2006) and JP08-170222 A (equivalent to U.S. Patent No. 5,528,638), and sets forth rejections of claims 1-6, 9, 11 and 13 as allegedly lacking novelty, and claims 7-14 as allegedly lacking inventive step.
- 4. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), no fees are deemed necessary in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement. However, should any fees be due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fees to Kenyon & Kenyon LLP's Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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